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SUBJECT: GON STATEMENT ON RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT NIXON

1. THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT ISSUED THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENT AT 3:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME AUGUST 9 AFTER PRESIDENT
NIXON ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT SYMPATHIZES
WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO WHOM THE ENFORCED
RESIGNATION OF ITS PRESIDENT IS AN EVENT OF VERY
SEVERE SIGNIFICANCE.

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3. NOW THAT THE RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS BECOME IRREVOCABLE, IT IS NOT THE PERSON OF THE RESIGNED PRESIDENT THAT IS IMPORTANT. OF IMPORTANCE IS THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS THAT HAS CAUSED THIS RESIGNATION. A PROCESS WHICH HAD AT STAKE THE EQUALITY OF RIGHTS BEFORE THE LAW OF EVERY CITIZEN.

4. THE RESULT OF THIS PROCESS CONFIRMS THE IRREPLACEABLE SIGNIFICANCE OF DEMOCRACY AS A SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT. ONE MAY HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES AFTER, AND BECAUSE OF, THIS PAINFUL EPISODE, WILL BE ABLE TO FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBLE TASK IN WORLD POLITICS ON THE BASIS OF REGAINED CONSTITUTIONAL BALANCE. END TEXT.
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